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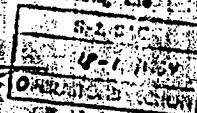
Sub-Source : Dr. Stepan MUC (Croatian), member of the Central Committee of the ABN

Evaluation : B-3

1. Sub-Source reports that the ABN (Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations) is in a state of complete disruption. The organization has split into two groups which will fight their final struggle in January 1954. The first group around President Jaroslav STECZKO consists of his wife Mucha, (Prof.) P. DUKANSKY (Slovak), Tibor TORONYI (Slovak), N. SALADUCHIDZE (Georgian), and Dr. Dmitri WALTSCHEFF (alias WITTEFF, alias BALFANISKY). The second, so-called "democratic group" is in opposition and comprises VI. TRNINSKY (Czech), Stepan MUC (Croatian), Vse. GLASHOV (Cossack), General E. TARKAS (Hungarian), as well as the White-Russian and Baltic members.
2. Sub-Source accuses the first group of dictatorial actions, machinations and formation of cliques. For example, in June 1953 Dr. WALTSCHEFF sent a telegram to former Croatian statesman Ante PAVLIC (at present in ARGENTINA) in observance of the Croatian Liberation Day. The telegram was dispatched in the name of all national delegations of the ABN, although the Croatian National Committee (Dr. MUC) is an irreconcilable enemy of PAVLIC.
3. Sub-Source also reports that STECZKO and WALTSCHEFF are rendering the opposition groups harmless by admitting second representatives from the opposition nationalities and playing them off against each other. This has been done with the Croats and the Cossacks.
4. The opposition has learned that the ABN has a very bad reputation in the USA, FRANCE, as well as in ENGLAND and GERMANY. The ABN's cooperation with the Western Powers is thus made impossible. The opposition attributes the reason for this to the present board, and hopes to find sympathies in the West after a change in the board's composition.
5. STECZKO and WALTSCHEFF are accused of being responsible for the failure of an ABN press conference, held in BONN in November 1953. The organization of the conference was supposedly so poor that it proved a severe detriment to the name of the ABN. When pertinent criticism was expressed at a subsequent session of the ABN Central Committee, WALTSCHEFF departed and refused to continue editing the ABN-Correspondence.

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6. At several confidential sessions, the opposition groups discussed the situation. Their demands are:
  - a. To call an orderly Central Committee session;
  - b. To call an orderly ABN congress and to hold elections for the Central Committee and the board (elections have not taken place for three years);
  - c. To remove Dr. T. FOROMY as the secretary general of the ABN and to nominate VI. FEMINSKY in his stead.
7. The opposition is also in contact with Stepan BANDURA regarding the replacement of Jacobov SYROZKO as the Ukrainian representative with another qualified Ukrainian whom the opposition is willing to accept as the future President.
8. Should the opposition groups' demands not be complied with, their representatives would meet on 20 January 1954 to deliberate on future steps to be taken. They do not eliminate the possibility of splitting or even resigning from the ABN.

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